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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Proposed Abandonment of the El Dorado Subdivision from
Milepost 457.0 near Gilcrest to Milepost 460.6 near El
Dorado Junction, a distance of 3.6 miles in Ouachita
County, Arkansas; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 222X)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a written request dated December 15, 2006 from Michael W. Frey, Esq. representing the City of Camden, Arkansas seeking an 80-day extension of the negotiation period relating to the issuance of a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the El Dorado Subdivision from M. P. 457.0 near Gilcrest to M. P. 460.6 near El Dorado Junction, a distance of 3.62 miles in Ouachita County, Arkansas (the "Line").

Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the City of Camden concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the City's request to extend the negotiation period of 180 days commencing as of December 29, 2006. A copy of the City's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

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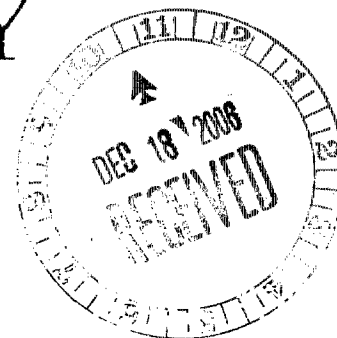
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RE: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 222X)
Proposed Abandonment of the El Dorado Subdivision, Ouachita County, AR
Request for Extension of Interim Trail Use Negotiating Period

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am the City Attorney for Camden Arkansas. This request is filed on behalf of the City of Camden, Arkansas, which is a political subdivision.

On June 27, 2006, the STB issued a Certificate of Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.29. The 180-day negotiation period is scheduled to expire on December 29, 2006. **The City of Camden is requesting that the negotiation period be extended for another 180 days.** It is my understanding the Union Pacific Railroad concurs in this request.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Union Pacific Railroad Company, c/o Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, Illinois 60606, by facsimile and by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on this 15th day of December 2006. I have enclosed ten (10) additional copies of this letter for the Board's use and distribution.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will await further directives from the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Frey
Camden City Attorney

Enclosure: Ten copies of letter

cc: Mr. Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Union Pacific Railroad
Mr. Chris Claybaker, Mayor